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CURRENT OPERATIONS BRIEF
14 MAR 2013

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  - **Commandant's memorandum to the Secretary of Defense**
- **USMC Personnel**
- **Operation Enduring Freedo**
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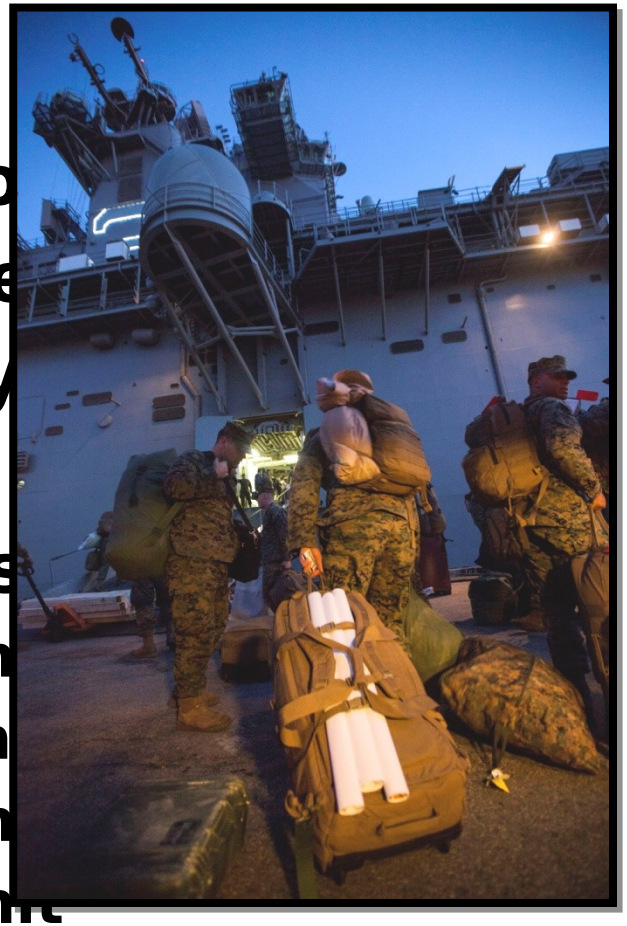
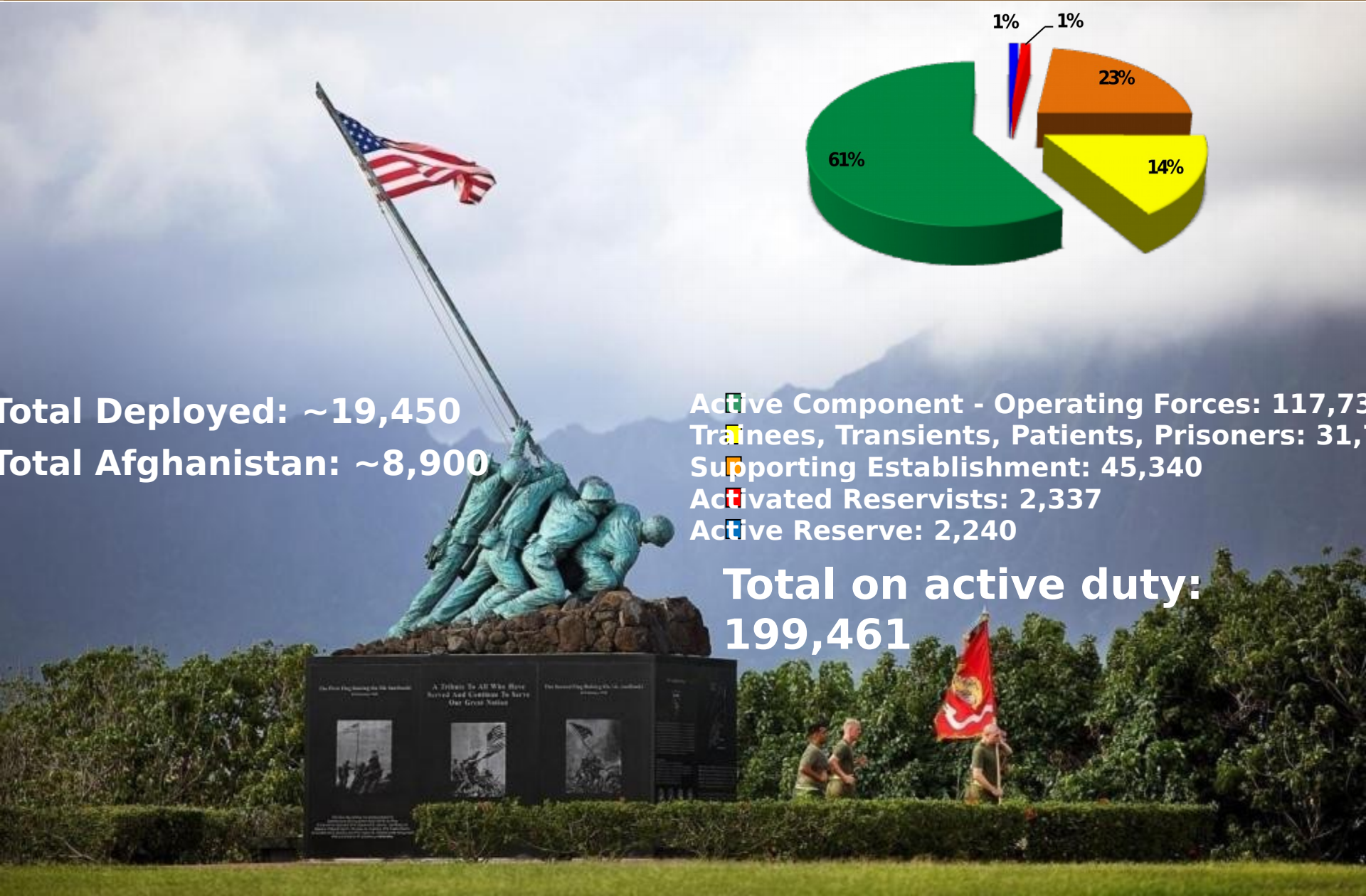


Role of United States Marine Corps

- **A Maritime Nation – naval forces fulfill our global maritime responsibilities**
  - **Not reliant on host nation support**
  - **Step lightly on allies and host countries**
  - **Operate simultaneously, and seamlessly across three domains (sea, land, air)**
  - **Provides operational reach and agility (buy time, decision space)**
- **Scalable and relevant across the range of military operations**
- **Expeditionary – a "state of conditioning"**
  - **Postured to respond at a moments notice**
- **Middleweight Force – unique lane in America's armed forces**
  - ***"… an efficient and effective hedge against the Nation's most likely risks."***

USMC Personnel



Total Deployed: ~19,450

Total Afghanistan: ~8,900

Active Component - Operating Forces: 117,73
Trainees, Transients, Patients, Prisoners: 31,
Supporting Establishment: 45,340
Activated Reservists: 2,337
Active Reserve: 2,240

Total on active duty: 199,461

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Marines in Afghanistan

RC NORTH

NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan
(NTM-A)

RC WEST

RC EAST

RC CAPITAL

Special Operations Task Force HQs (RC-SW)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-SW)
Marine Special Operations Company (RC-W)

Commander ISAF / US Forces - Afghanista
General Joseph F. Dunford
Joint Staff Kabul – Individual Augments

RC SOUTH
KANDAHA
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Marine Corps Logistics Command (Fwd)
R4 Operations Group

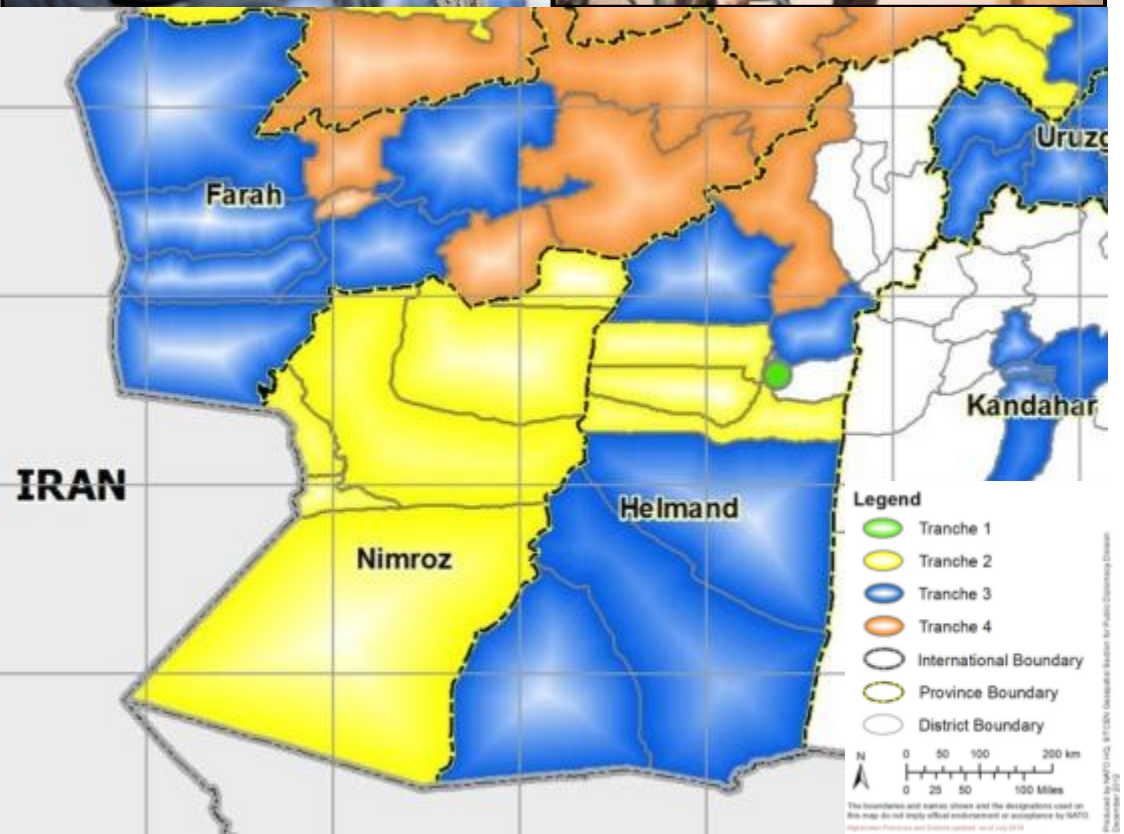
RC SOUTHWEST

II Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd)
Major General Walter L. Miller, Jr.

Regional Command (Southwest)

Partnering

ANSF - Taking the Lead



Security Operations

- Transition Process Underway
- Implemented in 5 tranches
  - Tranche 1 – Jul 2011
  - Tranche 2 – Dec 2011
  - Tranche 3 – May 2012
  - Tranche 4 – Dec 2012
  - Tranche 5 – TBD

- Security Force Assistance
  - 20 Marines/team average
  - Advise Afghan Forces
    - Afghan Border Police
    - Afghan Uniformed Police
    - Afghan National Army
    - Afghan Civil Order Police

Governance/Development

- Leadership in 13/14 Helmand districts
- Supported by Helmand

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Global Force Disposition

(As Of 14 March 13)

Operations ~10,800 + **Amphibious Ops ~7,100** + **Exercises ~1,300** + **TSC ~200** = **Total Deployed ~19,400**

NORTHCOM: ~2,500 | EUCOM: ~450 | AFGHANISTAN: ~8,900 | OTHER CENTCOM: ~3,500

USNORTHCOM
GROUND SENSOR OPS
EX RED FLAG
INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE
NCO DEVELOPMENT COURSE

USEUCOM
GEORGIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM-ISAF 2
BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE 13
EX LISA AZUL
EX AGILE SPIRIT

USCENTCOM
OEF-AFGHANISTAN
JORDAN OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
YEMEN EMBASSY REINFORCEMENT
UAE SECURITY COOPERATION
NCO LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

26TH MEU USNORTHCOM

SPS HSV-2 SWIFT USSOUTHCOM

15TH MEU USCENTCOM

31ST MEU USPACOM

FAST PLTS
USEUCOM
USCENTCOM
USPACOM
USNORTHCOM
USSOUTHCOM

USSOUTHCOM
OPERATIONS SMEE
SMALL UNIT TACTICS
SMEE

USAFRICOM
CJTF-HOA
OPERATION ONWARD LIBERTY
LIBYA CRISIS RESPONSE OPS
SPMAGTF-AFRICA 13.2
MIBOC-A

USPACOM
OEF-PHILIPPINES
EX KMEP
EX GUAHAN SHIELD 13
EX KEY RESOLVE
EX BALIKATAN
EX FREEDOM BANNER

MARSOC
USCENTCOM
USPACOM

OPERATION

AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION

OTHER DEPLOYMENTS

SOUTHCOM: ~100 | AFRICOM: ~250 | PACOM: ~3,700

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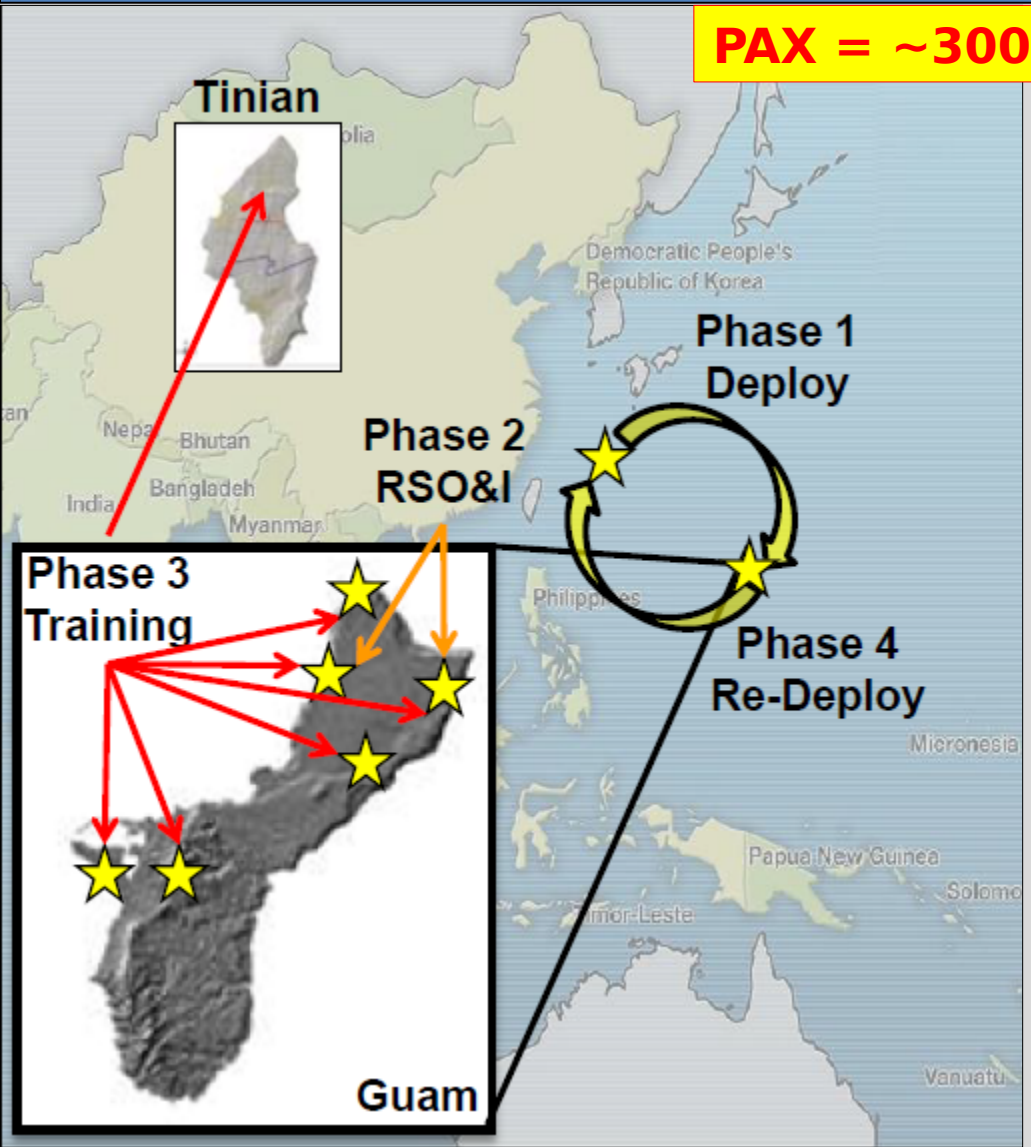
Ex GUAHAN SHIELD

Guam

MISSION: During Jan and Feb 2013, III MEF will deploy two company-size units from 3D MLG and 3D MARDIV to Guam in order to exploit off-Okinawa

PAX = ~300



OBJECTIVES:

- Conduct Strategic Mobility Operations
- Conduct Sustainment Operations
- Conduct Core MET Training
- Conduct Joint, Inter-Agency, Inter-Governmental Training and Relationship Building

CONOPS:

Phase 1: Plan, Prepare, & Deploy (30 Nov 12 – 28 Feb 13)

- 1A: TOT (1 X Black Bottom, 1 X KC-130)
- 1B: ADVON & FCE (1 X KC-130)
- 1C: 3D MLG main body mvmt (2 X NALO)
- 1D: 3D MARDIV main body mvmt (1 X SAAM)

Phase 2: RSO&I (Main Body 11 Feb – 2 Mar 13)

- **2A: Combat Logistics Detachment-39 (11 – 13 Feb 13)**
- **2B: Company L, 3/6 (1 – 2 Mar 13)**

Phase 3: Company-Level Training (18 Feb – 19 Apr 13)

- 3A: Community Engagement/EOD/PAO Engagement

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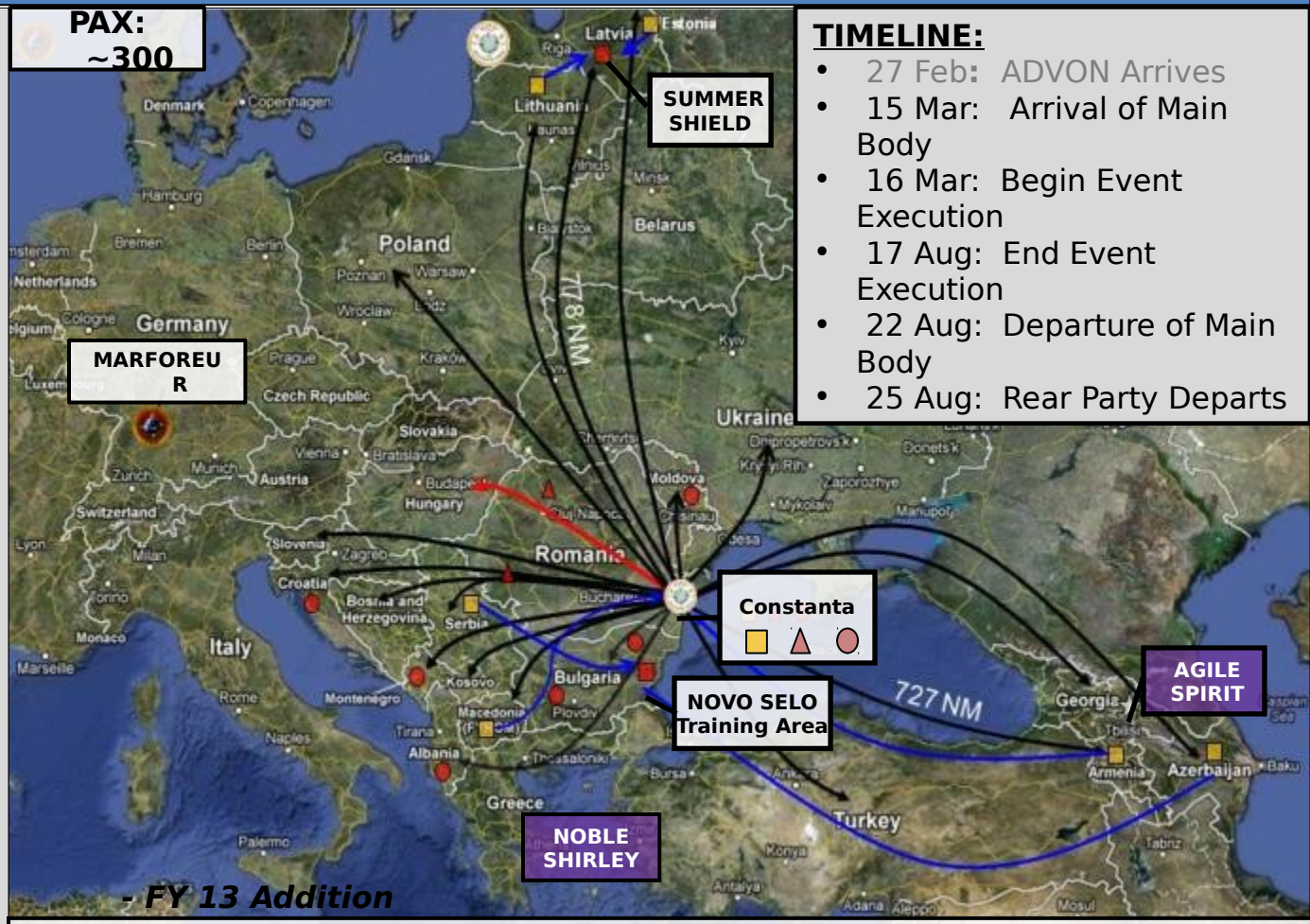
BLACK SEA ROTATIONAL FORCE-13 (BSRF-13)

CAUCASUS , BALKAN & BLACK SEA REGIONS

MISSION: From 27 Feb to 25 Aug 13, BSRF-13 will deploy to Constanta, Romania in support of crisis and contingency response while also conducting theater security cooperation activities in the Caucasus, Balkan, and Black Sea regions in order to enhance professional military capacity.

Method:

- Train representatives from Partner Nations in COIN and PKO
- Conduct Mil to Mil familiarizations throughout the region
- Host Symposiums with Partner Nations from the region
- Execute Exercises AGILE SPIRIT, BALTOPS, and NOBLE SHIRLEY
- Conduct aviation



TIMELINE:

- 27 Feb: ADVON Arrives
- 15 Mar: Arrival of Main Body
- 16 Mar: Begin Event Execution
- 17 Aug: End Event Execution
- 22 Aug: Departure of Main Body
- 25 Aug: Rear Party Departs

Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs)

13TH MEU
CAMP PENDLETON, CA

11TH MEU
CAMP PENDLETON, CA

22D /24TH MEU
CAMP LEJEUNE, NC

26TH MEU
USNORTHCOM

15TH MEU
USCENTCOM

31ST MEU
USPACOM

USEUCOM
USNORTHCOM
USPACOM
USSOUTHCOM
USPACOM

PRE-DEPLOYED

DEPLOYED

POST-DEPLOYED

15TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL S. D. CAMPBELL

BLT 3/5, HMM-364 (REIN), CLB-15

DEPLOYMENT DATES: SEP

USS PELELIU (LHA- 5)

USS GREEN BAY (LPD-20)

USS RUSHMORE (LSD-47)

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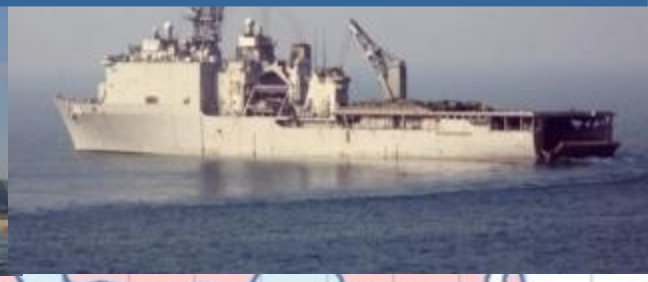
31ST Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL J. E. MERNA

BLT 1/5, HMM-262 (REIN), VMA-513, CLB–31 DEPLOYMENT DATES: DEC 12

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) *USS GERMANTOWN (LSD-42)* *USS TORTUGA (LSD-46)*



26TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL M. G. ST. CLAIR

BLT 3/2, VMM-266 (REIN), CLB-26 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: MAR –**

USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3) *USS SAN ANTONIO* (LPD-17) *USS CARTER HALL* (LSD-50)

13TH Marine Expeditionary Unit

COL C. D. TAYLOR

BLT 1/4, VMM-166 (REIN), CLB-13 **DEPLOYMENT DATES: AUG 2013 –**

USS BOXER (LHD-4) *USS NEW ORLEANS (LPD-18)* *USS HARPERS FERRY* (LSD-49)

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